

**Measuring and Achieving Universal Health Coverage (UHC) with
Information and Communications Technology (ICT)
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**Session Brief for Plenary Presentation
“Developing the Investment Case for ICT for Achieving
UHC”
December 3, 0830-1030**

Session Overview

Information and communications technology (ICT) is an important resource to support national initiatives towards universal health coverage. But ICT is complex and is often thought of as an expensive investment. This session discusses the many dimensions of ICT as it relates to healthcare and dissects the benefits, risks, and resource decisions that leaders need to make in order to establish a cost-effective information system for UHC.

Session Objectives

The organizers have designed this session with the following objectives in mind. We appreciate your contributions as a participant during the session to help to achieve these:

1. Discuss different country experiences with using ICT for healthcare and/or UHC
2. Discuss the challenges with designing and implementing national scale health information systems
3. Discuss strategies that have been adopted by the panelists, including those that worked or not

Session Format: Plenary presentations

This session will be conducted plenary presentation style. A series of experts will be invited to give presentations to the audience. Each presenter will be given 15 minutes maximum time, followed by 5 minutes of questions from the audience. A separate open forum will be provided at the end of the five presentations.

- ICT for Public Sector Management efficiencies- how and why? (Dr. Fadhullah Suhaimi Abdul Malek, Director Communications Content & Infrastructure, PEMANDU, Malaysia)
- Improving health financing for UHC: the role of ICT (Xu Ke, WHO WPRO)
- Strategic investments in ICT leading to better analysis and use of health information for decision-making (Tsolmongerel Tsilaajav, Ministry of Health, Mongolia)
- Multi-sector approach to target effective ICT for UHC in the Philippines (tbc)
- Strengthening health systems: some lessons learned on the potential of ICT for UHC (Dr. Inge Baumgarten, Head of Competence Centre Health, GIZ Germany)

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Moderator:

- Kelvin Hui, Senior Advisor, GIZ Bangladesh

Bios

Kelvin Hui, Senior Advisor, GIZ Bangladesh (Moderator) – tbc

Kelvin Hui is currently the acting Principal Advisor of the GIZ implemented project “Support to the Health Sector Programme” funded by the German Government in Bangladesh. In this position, he manages the overall project and lead technical assistance efforts to support the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in health system reforms, focusing on the areas of health information systems, health financing and quality management. Prior to his current role, he worked in the GIZ Health Project in Indonesia where he led the health information system component which provided technical support at the policy level to the Ministry of Health. Before joining GIZ, Mr Hui worked in consulting, concentration in health information systems and has experience in various countries around Asia.

Dr. Fadhlullah Suhaimi Abdul Malek, Director Communications Content & Infrastructure, PEMANDU

Dr. Fadhlullah Suhaimi is currently the Director for NKEA Communications, Content and Infrastructure; NKEA Agriculture, NKRA Rural Development; at PEMANDU and he is also the Chief Communications Coordinator for StratComm a Cabinet Committee on Strategic Communications. Joined PEMANDU from Telekom Malaysia (TM) where he was then the Chief Corporate and Regulatory Officer. He was a Lab leader during the development of the Economic Transformation Programme and has been involved transformation at TM as well as telecommunications industry development such as Malaysian Internet Exchange and Communication and Multimedia Content Forum of Malaysia.

Dr. Xu Ke, Coordinator, Health Policy and Financing, Division of Health Sector Development, WPRO, Philippines

Dr Ke Xu is currently the Coordinator of Health Policy and Financing, Division of Health Sector Development in WPRO. Her work covers a broad range of health financing, governance and health policy development. She contributed to the World Health Report 2000 on health systems performance assessment and the World Health Report 2010 on health systems financing and universal coverage while working in WHO headquarters. She is an advocate of evidence-based

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policy formulation. She has worked with many countries using scientific evidence in support of policy making process and published extensively on financial risk protection, poverty impact of health payment and equity in health financing. Among other tasks she is actively engaged in monitoring and evaluation of universal coverage.

Tsolmongerel Tsilaajav, Director, Strategic Policy and Planning Ministry of Health, Mongolia

More content to be added

Dr. Inge Baumgarten, Head of Health Section, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH

Dr. Inge Baumgarten has been appointed Head of Health Section at the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH in June 2014. With over 17 years of experience in public health and international cooperation she has been serving in various technical advisory and leadership positions in Germany and in countries of Sub-Saharan Africa, South Asia and Europe. In her last assignment in Tanzania 2009-2014 she coordinated the German health sector support to the country, establishing strategic partnerships with the private sector, on health financing, and with the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria. A technical advisor to the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) she accompanied the German G8- und EU-Presidencies achieving prominence of key health topics on the political agenda. This included the German G-8 Heiligendamm Initiative on Health and Growth in Africa, and the launch of the Providing for Health (P4H) Initiative.